



WHAT CAN WE DO?

Mrs. C. H. Standifer

While the world is in a turmoil,
And the devil's on your track,
Is there not a place of refuge?
With so many turning back.

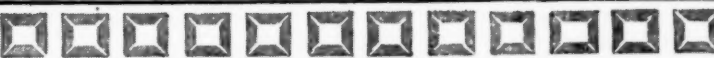
Yes, there is a place of safety
Where many refugees have fled.
When surrounded by the waters
And the storm sweeps o'er their head.

Jesus is the lifeboat given,
And a rescue from all harm;
He's our Anchor—holds us steadfast—
A shelter from each raging storm.

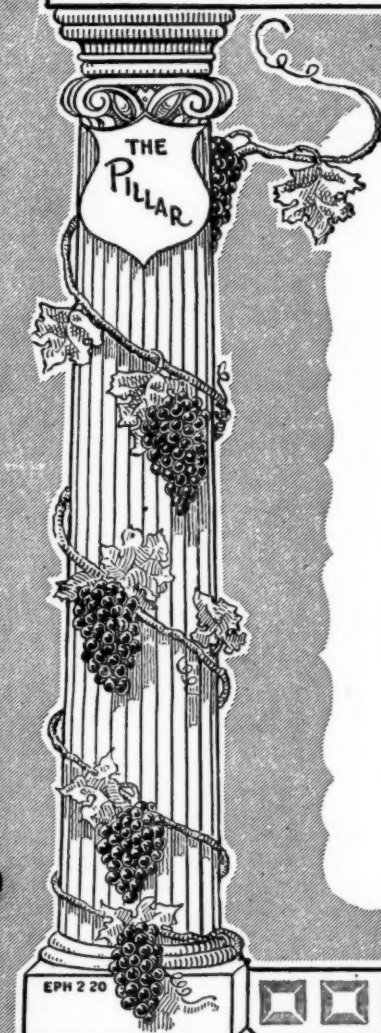
He's the Rock of eternal ages;
Let us ever to Him cling,
Till our journey here is over
And we with angels sing.

That will be worth all the heartaches
That we have while here below,
For in that land of life eternal
None of these we'll ever know.

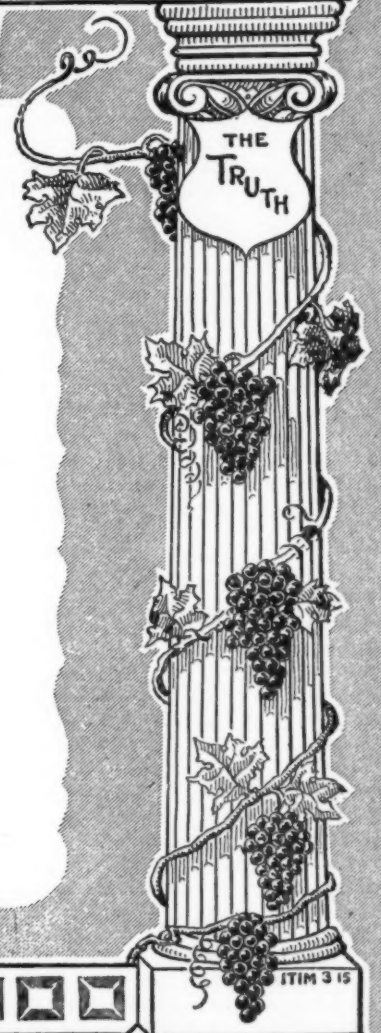
THE GROUND OF



*“For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the
secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set
me upon a rock,”* Psalms 27:5.



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NOTES From My LETTERS

By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

The Church of God at Walhalla No. 1, South Carolina, called and stated that during the first week of the revival conducted by Rev. Vanee Perkins twenty-three were saved, twenty-one sanctified, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. The nice-sized church building was filled to overflowing, and numbers of people were stirred. There was great interest, and the Sunday School attendance climbed from forty-one before the Assembly to two hundred thirty.

May God continue to bless in the revival there.

REQUEST — Mary E. Radcliff, of Kansas City, Missouri, wires: "Please request healing for my body. I have been critically ill with intestinal flu for a week. Almost passed on last night, trusting Jesus completely."

Dear Brother Walker: Wish you had been with us Sunday. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We had a good crowd, good singing, good preaching and a good dinner; but best of all, we paid the note off. The church property is now free of debt.—S. C. Elrod, pastor, Summerville, Ga., Church of God.

The little new church at Crystal City, Mo., with fourteen members, has seventy-five Evangel subscriptions. Everything is moving along nicely. Cantwell revival is still going good.—G. R. Watson, overseer of Missouri.

TELEGRAM: God giving great revival at Alton, Fla. Sister B. J. Hillhouse, of Lakeland, Fla., the evangelist. It has been going one week. Seven saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two in altar last night.—R. R. Holland, pastor.

Grand Ledge, Mich., Church of God has just closed their revival conducted by Rev. James Sheltrown, with about twenty saved and sixteen sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. It is

said that this revival has broken all records in this community. Pray that the church will continue to grow and be a shining lighthouse here.—W. T. Truett, district pastor, Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Just a few lines to tell you about the good reports that we are receiving from the field here in Virginia. For the first two months reported since the Assembly we have these figures—265 converted, 108 sanctified, 85 filled with the Holy Ghost and 87 received into the fellowship of the Church. We have also organized two new churches, both in cities, with a population above 40,000. Both are now supporting a full-time pastor and the prospects are very fine for strong churches. We have purchased one church building, one nice parsonage and remodeled several other properties.

From the standpoint of evangelism, everything looks real good for this year's work. We have several good evangelists, including three evangelistic parties, doing full-time work.

Last, but not least, October is an all-time high peak in finances for Virginia. Total tithes paid in, \$6,000, and everything points to this being an outstanding year in every department of the Church's program, including orphanage and missions.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord. My letter may take you by surprise, but it is never too late for a shower of rain.

I am the same S. A. Robertson who was formerly a minister of the Church of God and who, about seven years ago, evangelized in the Island of Jamaica and got many for the Lord while I was working under the auspices of the Church of God in Christ with headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., U.S.A. with Bishop C. H. Mason as General Overseer. There has ever been a longing desire that burns towards my old home, and I knew that God would bring it about in His own time.

Since the arrival of Bishop F. J. Thibodeau in the island, I can say that it was the mighty hand of God who used the Mission Board in sending him to us. The very first night that I met him, I was roused by his influence, and it seemed as if every "shackle" was broken; and so with all the churches that was under my leadership—twenty-six churches and

four new fields where we were laboring—we had our 6th Annual Convocation and I got all our ministers and church workers together, preachers numbering fifty-four, and they all unanimously, with the exception of two, threw their all into the great New Testament Church of God. We are glad to have such a fine man as Bishop Thibodeau as our overseer to lead us. We have what you would now call a united front to fight sin and shame in the Island of Jamaica.

The 16th Annual Convention was held at the Ward Theatre September 23-26, inclusive. It was a great blessing and one of the most spiritual conventions that we have ever had in Jamaica.

Sir, you will be pleased to know that the entire Jamaica is stirred and is looking forward to the New Testament Church of God.

I solicit your sincere prayer.—S. A. Robertson, Whitfield Town P. O., Jamaica.

Just received a check from the State of Georgia for \$630.10 for the aged ministers' fund, which represents the drive of ten cents per member. I think this is the largest check of this kind that we have ever received thus far for the aged ministers' fund.

Thanks to Georgia.

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Without Sin

By Ada Stapp

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is," 1 John 3:1, 2.

The Word says we shall be like Him, so if we are like Him we will be free from sin, for there is no sin in Him.

"Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him," 1 John 3:6.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God," 1 John 3:8, 9.

The Word of God tells us we can not sin and be of God; so if we say we sin every day and are children of God we make God a liar and the truth is not in us.

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Rom. 6:1, 2.

If we are children of God we are dead to sin.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For he that is dead is freed from sin," Rom. 6:4, 7.

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid," Rom. 6:14, 15.

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 6:22, 23.

"If any man defile the temple of

God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are," 1 Cor. 3:17.

"Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." So we cannot serve the Lord and the devil both at the same time. If we are living in sin we belong to the devil.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John 8:31, 32.

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart," 2 Tim. 2:22.

"And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire," Matt. 3:10. People that sin every day are of the unfruitful tree and will be cast into the fire, but we can repent and be born again and live a clean, righteous life above sin, for people have lived pure lives and it still can be done.

"There are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God," Rev. 14:4, 5. "The Word of God said they were without fault, so people can live above and without sin in their lives, and will if they are children of God. These are not my words but the words in God's Holy Bible.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die," Ezek. 18:20. Verse 21 tells us that if a sinner will turn from his wicked way he shall live and not die.

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire," Matt. 7:17-19. So

people that sin every day bring forth evil fruit and at the end of the way they will be cast into the fire.

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them," Matt. 7:20.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," Matt. 5:48. The Word says for us to be perfect. Now God would not tell us to do something impossible for us to do.

"The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master," Luke 6:40. This proves that there are perfect people or people without sin.

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you," Lev. 20:7, 8. So we see that God does sanctify people. Jesus is perfect and He is the one that lives in us, so we can be perfect in Him.

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace," James 4:17, 18.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein," Isa. 35:8. People that sin are not on the highway, or the strait and narrow way.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it," Matt. 7:13, 14.

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth," Deut. 14:2. So the children of God are holy and peculiar.

Some people say that holiness is right but they have too many sins to repent, but the Word of God tells us, (Continued on page 14)

Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Satan's Master Deceivers

Alliance Weekly presents the following relative to false teachers:

"The July-August issue of *The Shepherd of Israel* presents another of the strange stories which are so numerous these days. It concerns a Moses Guibbory, of Jerusalem, who has declared himself to be God Almighty—a Jewish rival of Father Divine. He has issued his own *torah*, calling it a 'Commentary upon the Bible, which reveals the hidden things of the law.' His name claims derivation from *El Gibbor*, the Mighty God (Isa. 9:6), transliterated into Guibbory.

"His officers are a Rabbi Horowitz, whom he has appointed as Messiah, and also as the Angel Gabriel; and Rabbi Baruch ben Shemuel Mizrachi, who is given the office of High Priest. But most startling of all, the official head of his society is the American columnist and radio commentator, Boake Carter.

Our Lord told us of these days when anti-Christian rules and teachers would abound; He also warned us to "believe them not."

Dead Sea Mystery

"To Bible students Sodom and Gomorrah serve merely as a warning against iniquity, but scientists have a different interest in the Judean hills along the Dead Sea's shores. They believe vast quantities of petroleum lie beneath the soil of this sun-baked part of Palestine."

So states *News Review*, which goes on to show that although Brig.-General R. B. D. Blakeney has, since 1928, done everything in his power to draw the Government's and the public's attention to the great industrial, commercial and strategical possibilities of the Dead Sea region, nothing has been done to open up this source of petrol.

On March 20, 1929, Viscount Templeton said in the House of Lords: "The Dead Sea is today the centre of a drama destined to rivet the attention of nations." Dr. Annie Homer, M. A., has devoted her life to this matter, and with Brig.-General Blakeney reopened the question with the

Government in June, 1942. They maintain that oil is available in vast quantities.

Palestine has been under mandate to Britain since the last war. Why are the riches of the Dead Sea not exploited? Many people would like to know. There is no doubt that in a future day these riches will be the cause, at least in part, of a terrific struggle in this area.—*Prophetic News*.

Church Vagrancy

Church membership in the United States has reached the total of about 65,000,000 people; this figure represents about 48 per cent of the membership of our entire nation. It is also reported that only about eight per cent of the 48 per cent which represents church membership ever attend church services. If men should stage such "sit-down strikes" in industry, they would be arrested for vagrancy. This absenteeism from church has greatly weakened the importance of the church as a national institution, and has thereby lessened the prospects and possibilities of the church at the peace conferences after the war is over. The church cannot hope to represent 65,000,000 people at the peace conferences if its action is limited to a mere 8 per cent of the populace. Other political views than those held by Christianity will dominate the peace table, unless the church awakens to new activities. Actions are controlled by energies, and here is the trouble—the churches are spiritually dead and care not for the future of the church nor yet for the things of Christ.

European Reorganization

While Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin were aligned as political war partners, I just couldn't figure the prophetic significance or consequence. The old Roman kingdom, out of which must, according to Scripture, arise the antichrist, aligned with Germany which was, for the most part, originally entirely outside of the old Roman kingdom, pictured a puzzle which needed to be worked to an undoing. God has

undertaken to work this political enigma by breaking the partners, Hitler and Mussolini, apart. Italy will, when the war is over, be back in the camp with England where she belongs, and will then constitute a geographical part of the old Roman kingdom.

Hitler will be either outside as a loose wheel on a windmill, or otherwise he will be subjugated and aligned with Russia where Germany will finally fall. Germany and Russia can and will finally make both political and military alliances prior to or in probable World War No. 3. This war bids fair to be the final world conflict which will embody the battle of Armageddon. The present war cannot be the last great conflict, as neither Mussolini, Hitler, nor Stalin are the first antichrist. They are an embodiment of political gangsters aligned against Christ, out of whose anti-Christian philosophies will eventually stand up antichrist.

The Pope

What will become of the Pope is quite a question, now that he is under the power of Hitler. Prayers of Catholics, Jews, and of course the Protestants are being said on his behalf. There is, however, little likelihood that Hitler will harm the Pope unless Hitler is entirely insane. In Germany there are reported to be 23,500,000 Catholics, which Hitler and his military overlords will have to reckon with should the Pope be destroyed. Unless the Allies bypass Rome, the city will likely be destroyed after being robbed and plundered. Naples, a city of 835,000 inhabitants, was left a shamble; Rome is most certain to be if the Allies try to take it in battle. In face of the odds against German officers, they are not apt to harm the Pope.

Hunting Season

Yes sir! It is time to hunt big game along with other such varieties as may be available. What I mean, Sir, is this: It is time for those of you who, as ministers, have the responsibility on the field to spread the gospel, to "go hunting" for an unused church building, school building, hall or some property that can be purchased during these times of "plenty of money." There are many beautiful unused church buildings that can be purchased for a fraction of the original cost. Again I say, "Go hunting." The time to do it is now.

Institutions . . . Their Functions and Motives

By E. E. Coleman

(This is the third of five chapters on the above named subject.)

THE SCHOOLS

In treating this phase of the subject, I shall not discuss the religious school system, but I shall endeavor to explain the importance of the elementary and high schools in general, and show their responsibilities and opportunities. The school system of America, or any other country, affects the entire nation. The progress of the development of a nation in any direction is governed, to a great extent, by that nation's school system.

The universal purpose of the school is to prepare both children and adults to serve in a chosen field of endeavor. This is indeed, a very unique function, inasmuch as no other institution is prepared to perform it. The school covers a greater field than other institutions. Literally the whole world goes to school. Even those who live in dark heathenism, who earn their living by their ability to use the bow and arrow and the sling, have to go to school. They attend the school of experience. Their only textbook is the tradition of their fathers, and that not on a printed page, but handed down from progenitor to protege by word of mouth.

One does not have to go to a school-house to attend a class. There are many lessons to learn out in the open, conversing with nature. When one learns to study nature then he is prepared to become truly educated. One system the ancients used to teach, was to take their pupils out in the country, by the brooks and among the trees, and out in the hills where nature could speak in all her glory, and where the heart that was hungry to learn could delve into the great world of wisdom and culture. Our modern civilization had its start there, and when we fail to keep in tune with nature, we will suffer a great loss.

There are many lessons that we need to learn as Christians, that the elementary schools cannot teach. For instance, we need to learn self-sacrifice, self-denial, holiness, and many other great lessons; but since the aim

of the elementary and high schools is to enlarge the individual life, they cannot put much stress on things like self-denial. We are willing to leave those things to the Bible schools and colleges and trust that they do a good job of it.

The schools are dispensers of culture, and thereby control, to a great extent, the very thought life of a nation. It may be truthfully said, "As is the school so is the nation."

Now the question may arise, "Why do we as Christians need to study the school system of the country?" I answer that the thought life of your child is governed by the school it attends, that school is helping in a very direct way to form and mold your child's character, that school will have a great deal to do with your child's choice of vocations, that there are many habits your child will form in school that will go through life with it, that the development of your child's mental faculties are governed by that school; so, if you love your child, if you want him or her to be truly educated, if you want them to be lady and gentleman, if you want them to believe in God and honor the Bible, then you had better know something about the school they attend, the children they associate with, the kind of teachers they have, and the kind of management the school has. Don't let them be taught that there is no personal God, that the universe is the product of chance, and that men sprang from tadpoles and monkeys. All these are reasons why every good Christian should be concerned about the schools and should attend P.T.A. meetings and cooperate fully with the schools. We might be able to keep down some of the very unpleasant things that arise in school if we tried a little harder. We might be able to keep the schools from teaching evolution, and keep the teachers from making fun of the Bible and working such a hardship on our children when they express their belief in God's Book. A number of cases have come under my personal observation where young people from Christian homes

went off to school and came back full of infidelity and unbelief, ready to blaspheme God and the Bible. These things ought not to be.

The MOTIVE of the school is self-culture, but that goal can never be attained when one leaves God, the first cause, out of his life. In the home breeding is developed; in the church spirituality is developed, and in the school REFINEMENT is developed. But the old school of culture and refinement is almost a thing of the past. Instead of becoming educated to be able to best serve the world in an uplifting and noble way, people are becoming educated to see just how much money they can make, and how far they can go toward the governor's chair or the president's; and in many instances they are taught the survival of the fittest, with no scruples as to what is honest and fair. Greed has supplanted honesty; modernism has supplanted the fundamental teachings of the Bible, and the schools are largely to blame with this sad and unhappy state of affairs. If the schools will teach true science and leave off those teachings that they can not prove; if they will teach real self-culture and refinement; if they will stand for the Bible and true democracy, then I am sure that the American people will return to the paths of moral rectitude; the American home with its fireside altar can be reinstated; the mother can come back from oblivion and preside over her kingdom again! the nation can once more lift its head in dignity and self-respect. I still have faith in our American people and in our form of government, and I believe that our people will assert themselves and turn back to the paths of truth and right. However, the schools can do more to bring this about than any other institution in America. And in a democracy the people can control the schools. So, American people, search yourselves. Stand up for your rights. Literally yell your heads off, until something is done about the modernistic trend in our schools. But you had better act soon; the night cometh when no man can work.



Sons of God in Genesis Six

(Continued from last issue)

11a

There is no difference of opinion between the "Sethites" and the "Angelics" as to all angels being SPIRITS. The Bible speaks of them, not in terms of flesh, but as spiritual personalities (Psa. 104:4; Heb. 2:16). It is an absolute fact of science that it requires **LIKES** to produce **LIKES**, yet the supporters of the "angelic theory" have the nerve to say that "unlikes produce likes," that is, **SPIRIT PLUS FLESH EQUALS FLESH** (S plus F equals F). In order for the "daughters of men" to have given rise to children of flesh, the fathers of those children would have had to be flesh also. Therefore, the "sons of God" in Genesis 6 were **FLESH** (men), not spirit (angels).

11b

In regard to angels being spirits, but not flesh, it seems that my worthy opponent has failed to consider certain possibilities which render his position most unfavorable. After all, even we ourselves, as normal human beings, are **SPIRITUAL PERSONALITIES**, our spirits being clothed with flesh. Now, if we are "spirits **WITH** flesh" and angels are "spirits **WITHOUT** flesh," then the only essential difference between angels and human beings is that the latter possesses a body of **FLESH**. All right, all I need to do now is to **PROVE** to you that an **ANGEL CAN ASSUME FLESH** which, when done, will remove all essential doubt in favor of the "angelic theory" which I propose to defend. Wait a minute, brother; don't judge any matter until you hear it (John 7:51).

In Gen. 19:1-7 we are told that **TWO ANGELS** visited Lot at Sodom and entered into his house to spend the night. Many of the people of the city asked that Lot bring them out unto them for purposes of fornication. Lot asked the mob to not do so wickedly but they still insisted. To keep them from committing violence against Lot, the two angels drew him into the house and smote the mob with blindness.

Now, let's read a commentary on this matter, written by Jude in verse 7. "Even as **SODOM** and **Gomorrah** . . . giving themselves over to **FORNICATION** and going after **STRANGE**

FLESH . . ." What kind of flesh was this "strange flesh"? It was **ANGEL FLESH**, of course. When we read about the angels at Lot's house, and then we follow that reading with Jude's interpretation, there is positively nothing left for the "Sethites" to do but admit that angels can assume flesh.

Thus it remains that after angels assume flesh there is no essential difference between them and human beings, for both are spirit and flesh which, when united in marriage, results in offsprings, which are no less spirit and flesh. So the thing which at first seemed indisputably and invincibly a Sethite argument of first rank, is completely confounded by the mere reference to a single occurrence in the Scriptures. (This is not the only one, however.) In view of the foregoing, it becomes extremely credible to identify these "sons of God" as angelic beings. If this point does not satisfy you, I doubt if it **CAN** be done, for what more conclusive proof can be given?

12a

According to **Matthew 22:30**, it is clear that those "sons of God" in **Genesis 6** cannot be angels. In Jesus' answer to a certain question, He said, "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels **IN HEAVEN**." Since the "sons of God" did marry the "daughters of men" they could not have been angels.

12b

Certainly the angels in heaven do not marry nor give in marriage, but these angels were not "angels in heaven"; they were **FALLEN ANGELS**, angels who submitted to the devil just as much so as the angels of the pre-Adamic earth. Of course, the angels in heaven do not marry. There is no need for them to do so, for the only legitimate purpose of marriage is to reproduce your kind in order to perpetuate your likeness. Were it not for marriage, the human family would disappear entirely, because they are not eternal; but with the angels it is a far different affair. Being eternal in their existence, they have no occasion for marriage, just as the glorified saints will have no need for marriage when they become eternal and will

themselves live perpetually forever.

I will admit that the angels **IN HEAVEN** do not marry; that is, no marriages are prescribed among them, no conditions exist which demand it, and the nature of their being eliminates the purpose of such; however, this is far from saying that it is **ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE** for angels to partake of such a practice, nor does it render them incapable of assuming flesh by which such action might be attainable.

Inasmuch as I have already shown (point 11) that angels do have the capacity to assume flesh and can be desired by others for purposes of fornication, it naturally follows that the scripture in **Matt. 22:30** does not pretend to teach that angels cannot assume sex. Since this is the case there should be no conflict between the "angelic theory" and the truth of **Matt. 22:30**, especially when it is made clear that even the "sons of God" (angels) in **Genesis 6** did not marry to reproduce themselves as angels but for a reason wholly instigated by Satan for the purpose of thwarting God's plan of redemption by keeping the "seed of the woman" from being born.

13a

I am thoroughly convinced that there is no power capable of incarnations but that of God, that nobody can cause others to assume flesh but the Supreme Deity. Besides, the only examples of angels assuming flesh are certainly those of heavenly angels. To give the power of incarnation to the devil is contributing more to him than he deserves. So it happens that I cannot believe the "sons of God" were angels which assumed flesh at the will and power of Satan.

13b

That God has power of incarnation I will admit, but that **ONLY** God has such power is the part of their argument which I cannot admit. All I am required to do in order to successfully tear down the above point is to prove by the Bible that the devil **DOES** have the power to bring about incarnations (instances where

By

..... Sethites or Angels?



flesh was assumed.

To prove the incarnating power of the devil I may refer to Exod. 7:10-12. From this account we learn that Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and it became a serpent. Since Aaron was a servant of God, but being a man did not have such power himself, we must conclude that Aaron's rod was made flesh by the power of the true God. Not only was flesh given to it, but it was made to live also. Both "Sethites" and "Angelics" agree upon these facts, however.

Now when we further notice that the servants of Pharaoh cast down their rods and they likewise became serpents of flesh and life, the issue at hand takes on added emphasis. These servants of Pharaoh (sorcerers, etc.) certainly were not servants of God but were partakers of a practice which God has always condemned severely, even to the extent of capital punishment (Lev. 20:27). Surely you are not going to ascribe this demonstration to a godly cause, are you?

The significance of this event becomes even more vivid when we know that the ROD of Aaron swallowed up the RODS of Pharaoh's servants. It was just simply an instance in which the power of the God of heaven was manifested above the power of the god of the Egyptians. For the true God to have caused both Aaron's and Pharaoh's rods to become flesh would have contradicted not only the purpose of this demonstration, but the pure logic of reason as well; because that would have been equivalent to saying **THAT THE POWER OF GOD WAS CAPABLE OF OVERCOMING HIS OWN POWER** which would not have been a fact but a **CONTRADICTION ABSURDITY**.

There is this one definite and indisputable doctrine to be accepted from such a situation: the devil has the power to bring about incarnations, making it entirely possible for the "sons of God" to have been angels.

D. C. Barnes

DECEMBER 4, 1943

NOTE: Inasmuch as angels themselves are supernatural creatures, it MAY be possible for them to assume flesh without the aid of a greater power, although my position does not beg for this admission.

14a

Since these "sons of God" are held by the "Angelics" to be angels induced by Satan, it necessarily follows that they must have been FALLEN ANGELS. Even if they were not fallen prior to the time they desired to do these incestuous acts, they certainly were in a fallen state at the time they did actually commit them.

Now, if the angels which fell in the Luciferic rebellion were confined to hell immediately afterward, then it stands to reason that before the Noahic flood there were no sources from which Satan might have drawn any angels for his "supposed" instigation of Genesis 6. If there were no such sources, then the "sons of God" were not fallen angels.

14b

In the first place, you will agree with me that even the angels of the pre-Adamic earth were at one time NOT FALLEN, won't you? I say, "You will, won't you?" Yes, that's what I thought. Then you must further admit that Lucifer CAUSED the fall of these pre-Adamic angels which, as we have already agreed upon, were at one time not fallen. But is it not unusually strange to insist that what Satan did one time could not be done again, providing such an OPPORTUNITY presented itself?

"But that is my point," replies my Sethite opponent, "the opportunity could not have been possible when all of his angels were cast into confinement."

Just a minute, my good man, who being ill-informed is nevertheless honest. The only requirement for Satan to have become a recidivist (repeater of crime) against angels would have been the possibility of CONTACT with other angels and, of course, their WILL to be led by him. Above all things, however, is this factor of CONTACT.

Now let us see if contact with other angels was ever possible after the Lu-

ciferic rebellion. In the first place, as soon as Adam sinned (and that was after the pre-Adamic fall since it was Lucifer that tempted Adam to sin) God placed a PLURALITY of angels in the Garden of Eden ("Cherubim" is the plural for "cherub"). Do you suppose it was POSSIBLE for Satan to contact them? Personally, I see no reason for denying this admission; yet, in view of the fact that the Bible does not definitely say these very ones were contacted by Satan, I must not depend too much on this instance for proof of "Satanic contact."

But here's a score which you can't rub off, made emphatic simply by turning to Job again and reading 1:6 and 2:1. Having already agreed that these "sons of God" in Job could not possibly have been human beings, but rather heavenly creatures (angels), we are hereby compelled to admit that actual CONTACT with heavenly angels by old "Split-foot" himself, was entirely possible.

Inasmuch as evidence of actual contact shows that Satan did have sources from which to draw angels even after the original sin, allows me to believe in the immediate confinement of the pre-Adamic angels and also in the possibility of an eruption of predeluvian angels, without entertaining conflicts or inconsistencies in any way. This argument falls to me in that I have clearly revealed its definite possibilities which my worthy opponent can in nowise disprove.

15a

The supporters of the "angelic" theory seem to be amazingly inconsistent in admitting these "sons of God" to be FALLEN angels and at the same time be so willing to call them SONS OF GOD. How could they be "fallen angels" and still be "sons of God"?

15b

Well, has it ever occurred to you, brother, that of all your points this one is most inconsistent. Your point even defeats its ownself. You ask me how a FALLEN ANGEL can be a "son of God." Now let me ask you one: How can a FALLEN MAN be a "son of God"?

Come on, partner, let's be reasonable
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Enlarged *By J. E. Slay, Jr.*

David, the shepherd king of Israel, knew what it meant to suffer as well as to enjoy the acclaim of the masses. Truly, he was a great man, one of the greatest ever to live. Yet, he achieved this greatness not through some quirk of nature that gave him at birth a huge fortune and station, but rather through a series of adventurous adversities that would have stopped the normal soul in its quest for success.

We find the key to David's success in the words of Psalms 4:1, "Thou hast enlarged me while I was in distress." Here, the psalmist gives due credit to God for his advancement as well as apprising us of the fact that it was accomplished only through distressing circumstances.

It was, no doubt, a very humiliating thing for David to have to mind the sheep the day that Samuel came to visit his father. A visit to an ordinary household by a man of Samuel's fame was in itself a festive occasion and indeed an event of great moment, especially when one considers that he came to anoint of the house of Jesse one to rule Israel. Yet, little David was to go on with his menial task while the lords of the family were attending to the business at hand. Surely the lad had distressing thoughts and imagined all sorts of things during the time he was pondering his plight. However, when the aged Samuel asked if there was not another son, then 'twas time for David's enlargement.

Why can we not learn that it is God who makes us what we are and in His time the enlarging will come if we just remain patient and wait for His will to be wrought? So many times we have heard someone express a desire to have an experience like some paragon saint or to be able to preach like Brother So and So. If the person who covets the experience of the enlarged saint knew of the suffering entailed in the achieving of the experience, he would not be so anxious to ask for the enlarged ministry.

The elevation of David did not take place on the day of his anointing. There were many trials to confront



ere he reached the grandeur of his kingdom. 'Tis true that God had willed him to be king, but there were others that stood in the way of God's perfect will. The same is true of you who have a work to do for the Lord. The anointing and the calling do not bring with them license to escape the distress of soul and body that will indeed fit you for an enlarged place in the kingdom of God. As a matter of fact, we receive the anointing in the beginning so that we will have the power to overcome these distressing things that we will have to confront.

The God who needed big men in David's time is still in need of even larger men and women today. There is a host of us who are too small for God. Oh, some will say that God wants us to be little and humble. When we refer to being large we do not mean physically or socially, but on the other hand capable of filling a large place in God's program.

The conception that one has of God will largely determine the measure of success he has in the field of spiritual endeavor. God does not reveal Himself to any unless there is a certain amount of humiliation, and how many of us will humiliate ourselves unless we have to do so. Therefore, God in His goodness distresses us so that we are in a measure forced to

come to Him and in doing so see Him in all of His glory and effulgence. Did you ever notice how spiritual they are who have to suffer so much or how much closer we get to God when adversity comes a-calling? Yes, it is only in times of distress that many come to God and learn that He is wonderful and thus obtain a vision of His desires concerning ourselves and the lost.

When the proper vision of God is obtained, then it is that we can really accomplish things for Him. A man is as big as is his vision. His vision will enlarge his ministry and labor of love and keep before him always the presence of God. Things are not being accomplished for God these days because of the fact that so few have been able to obtain the mind of God. And the mind of God cannot be obtained until we lose sight of ourselves and interests and become absorbed in the work and service of the Lord.

So, if we are to be enlarged and do really great things for the Lord, we must first of all have the anointing; then be willing to undergo any hardship that might confront us. The anointing brings us into a certain relationship to God, but it is the suffering that acquaints us with His person and plan.

The need is great and the task is gargantuan; however, God is able to fit us for the task and make us big enough to overcome any obstacle. Thank God for the lesson we have learned from the lad of the sheepcote. Surely our God is the same God that wrought wonders in David's time. Lord, help us and enlarge us!

HIS GRACE

Mrs. Zeta Mae Petrea

As I kneel each night to pray,
The tears will splatter as I say,
"Dear God, give my husband the
grace to stand
And always hold to your unchanging
hand."

Your being away is what I hate,
But then I think of Romans 8:28,
For God has work for you to do
And His grace will carry you through.

I have had many trials, that is true,
But the Word of God will carry us
through;

I am glad that I can say,
I've stood true while you're away.

—Box 554, Kannapolis, N. C.

Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

Testimony of a Convert in North Travancore, South India

I am very glad to give my testimony. From boyhood I was an active member of the Jacobite Church. Later, upon being urged to do so, I became a trustee of the local church, but because of the wrongdoings I saw amongst the priests, I lost all confidence in them and withdrew from the work.

When the people saw that after my resignation the church affairs were managed according to the desires of the priests, they felt grieved and they called a meeting of the members, at which time I was reinstated as a trustee. While thus engaged, I happened to learn certain truths from the Word, through a friend. This caused me to search the Scriptures.

After this, on Good Friday, when the time came to kiss the cross and give money in church, I managed to enter and leave without doing so. Not long after this, at Easter time, a dispute arose amongst the priests as to who would officiate at mass, and it became so heated that the police were called to quiet the crowd gathered. From that day, I handed over the church accounts and entirely separated myself from that worship.

After that, without going to any church, I used to study the Bible together with some brethren of another Syrian church. These brethren, while not embracing the Church of God teaching, expressed the opinion that it is right. When I heard this, I invited Pentecostal brethren to my home and learned the teachings from them. This brought me into the fellowship.

I desired that my father and the rest of my family should receive the same faith which I accepted, but they believed that their faith, church, and worship of the cross is the real way of worship. When I told my father that their faith and worship is all devilish, and that their cross is mere wood which must be burned, he went to the priests and got them to make the necessary arrangements to ex-

communicate me. Besides this, my father was ready to persecute the believers if they were to come to my house. While going on in this way, I began to talk to my father concerning his lent observances and beliefs, not eating fish or meat. I told him that they are all wrong and unscriptural. I read to him from Matthew 23:4 and following verses. This caused a sudden change to come over him and from that day he began to take part in prayer with me.

By the grace of God, my father, who is now eighty-three years of age, my son, my two sisters, together with five others, were baptized in water a year ago. Another married sister of mine became desirous of following the Lord in the true way. One day she spent the day with me, and the following day went back to her house, taking the daughter of our evangelist with her. When she came near the house, her husband would not allow her to enter, tearing off her clothes and pushing her, telling her to go with the

sister she had brought there.

This caused her to make up her mind to be baptized in water that very day. She came to the church meeting and testified, after which she urgently requested that she might be baptized in water at once, so she was baptized that day. Because of this, her husband came with others to my house, and after making a scene, took her away to his house. Then he compelled her to wear ornaments. The next step was an attempt to take her to their church but no amount of persecution moved her to turn back. One day, on her return home from our church meeting, her husband again put her out of the house, beating her, pulling her hair and taking off her clothes. A neighbor girl gave her a small cloth to wear and she came to my house and is still staying with me.

We have had to undergo much persecution here and are still undergoing the same, but we are rejoicing in the Lord. One night, while we were away

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CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE IN TRAVANCORE, INDIA

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of Lamar Phillips, Mrs. M. W. Calhoun, Mrs. E. W. Trull; me.—Maud Phillips, Odum, Ga.

Me to be healed of rheumatism and a hurting in my left shoulder.—A sister in Christ, Springfield, Mo.

The healing of my baby boy of rupture.—Elizabeth Cantrell.

Emory D. Gillis to be healed of stomach and bone injuries sustained in a car wreck on October 3.—E. C. Gillis, Box 28, Peters, Fla.

The healing of my body, I think it must be a cancer. — Mrs. J. M. Stone, Rt. 1, Moultrie, Ga.

My healing; everything I eat makes me sick and I have bad spells with my heart; my husband who is in the navy; unspoken request.—Mrs. C. J. Dunn, c/o H. Brantley, Tennille, Ga.

God to heal my body. — Mrs. Opal Hayes, Rt. 2, Wheeling, W. Va.

The healing of my broken arm; unspoken request.—Mrs. Mary Cotton, 519 Taylor St., Gadsden, Ala.

My body to be healed, I have been sick three months; my husband's healing.—Mrs. W. A. Sellers, 544 E. Maitland St., Ontario, Calif.

My healing.—Mrs. C. T. York, Rt. 3, Box 351, Tampa, Fla.

My daughter's head to be healed; unspoken request; my son and his wife.—Martha McKinney, Garrison, W. Va.

My healing.—Mrs. Nettie Wood, Rt. 2, Celesti, Tex.

Me to be healed of a goitre, I almost choke to death.—Mrs. Tom Emery, Scottsville, Ky.

My mother, Mrs. O. G. McCain, who has something like high blood pressure; my sister, Mrs. Urban Mann, to be completely healed.—Mrs. Pearl Turner, Rt. 3, Box 259, c/o Jim Moseley, Montgomery 5, Ala.

My eight-year-old boy to be healed, he has a weak spine and can't walk alone or feed himself.—Minnie Howell, Rt. 1, Princeton, N. C.

The healing of Mrs. Irene Maddox's body; my sister to be healed; me to be healed of weak spells and nervousness.—Mrs. Robert C. Smith, Rt. 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The Lord to heal my body, I fell and hurt my right arm and can hardly use it; the healing of my little girl, she is suffering with her right side.—Mrs. M. S. Mitchell, Rt. 2, Gibson, Ga.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—H. L. Marcum, pastor, Naugahatch, Va.

God to undertake for me and my family.—I. J. Russ.

My son, Keith Burton, who was almost burned to death on October 1, to be healed, he is in the hospital in Franklin, N. C.; me.—Mrs. Effie Burton, Mountain City, Ga.

The healing of my husband's eyes, he is almost blind; my mother who has been sick for a good while to be healed.—Mrs. Roy Shores, Macon, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of severe kidney trouble, if it is His will. Encouragement appreciated. — Mrs. Lillie Belle Guy, 418 Ellis St., Augusta, Ga.

God to undertake for my son who is in Service; me to be healed of asthma and other ailments; unspoken requests. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Alma Graham, Rt. 1, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The Lord to heal my infant, he has a severe cough and cold; my husband who is in England that the Lord will undertake for him.—Mrs. Jaunita Violet, c/o Ples Lee, Byington, Tenn.

SPECIAL CALENDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARD NOTICE

We will have ready for shipment 1,000 of the 1944 calendars about December 10. This calendar is the most beautiful we have ever offered. There is plenty of time to sell calendars all the way up to March first. The beautiful painting on the frontispiece is worth at least \$1.00 for framing purposes, to say nothing about the worth of the calendar. Churches and L.W.W.B.'s can make a nice profit selling these calendars. We can also allow 30 per cent discount on lovely scripture-text Christmas cards if twenty-five boxes or more are ordered at once.

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The Lord to heal my eyelids, the doctors can do them no good; my body to be healed; God to undertake for my son who is in Service overseas. Encouragement appreciated.—Ella Keith, Quicksand, Ky.

The Lord to save and heal my daughter of T.B., she is in a serious condition, can hardly go, and she has three small children.—Mrs. Bessie Hays, Quicksand, Ky.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure and heart trouble.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

The complete healing of my body, I get so weak after having nervous and numb spells. My head draws on top and burns and it seems I will be par—
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In Memory of

SMITH

Our dear Sister Mattie Ellen Smith, a faithful member of the Church of God, passed suddenly from this life October 29, 1943; age seventy-one years. She loved the Church and all it stood for; she lived the life true to God and His Church.—Pastor, Mrs. Alice Flora Lane; clerk, Mrs. M. B. Duncan, Marianna, Fla.

GREEN

Brother Areal Green, a loyal companion and devoted Christian, went to be with Jesus on October 20, 1943; age fifty-seven years.—His pastor, W. C. Swilley, Savannah, Ga.

DUKE

Brother B. F. Duke, of Lake City, Fla., was born September 15, 1874, and went to be with Jesus August 16, 1943. He was a member of the Church of God for more than thirty years.—J. W. Culpepper, Lake Park, Ga.

SHERMAN

Sister Maggie Sherman, a member of the Church of God at Milford, Del., departed this life October 14, 1943. She was a great sufferer, yet bore her afflictions with Christian grace, knowing that all things work together for good to them who love God. We can truly say, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!—The Church of God at Milford, Del.

HOBBS

Sister Jennie Hobbs departed this life October 17, 1943. We, the Church of God at Milford, Del., extend our sympathy to her husband and children. She has gone to the reward that awaits God's faithful ones. May God bless you and comfort your hearts, and when our life down here is over may we all be united in heaven nevermore to part.—The Church of God.

SOUTH

Charles E. South, a faithful member of the Church of God at Grasonville, Md., passed away May 13, 1943; age eighty-three years and ten months. He loved the Church of God and was one of its most loyal members for the past seven years.—Samuel T. Sellick, pastor, Grasonville, Md.

MUSICK

Our dear mother, Mrs. T. R. Musick, went to be with Jesus September 25, 1943; age fifty-nine years, ten months and twenty-two days. She was a member of the Church of God at Dunfords-town, Va.—Mrs. Foster Massie, Box 134, Berwind, W. Va.

HAWN

Elisha Addison Hawn was born February 21, 1884, near Frankfort, Tenn., and died September 24, 1943; age fifty-nine years, six months and twenty-one days. He was filled with the Holy Ghost October 12, 1922, and was a faithful member of the Church of God.—His wife, Rosa Hawn, and little niece, Evangeline.

Encouraged

SELMA, Ala. — Will you please let a friend come for just a few moments' chat. We read the Evangel and enjoy it. We attend the Church of God here in Selma, Ala., and we are glad to sound a note of praise for the church here. We are well pleased with our new pastor, Rev. E. B. Carter, and his good wife. They are very busy people, visiting homes, praying for the sick, going to the hospitals, working with people. They have a junior choir of about twenty-five to thirty children. The Y. P. E. is going 100 per cent. The L. W. W. B. is doing fine. Many people are coming to church who haven't been in a long time. We have new folks coming most every service. Brother Carter has just closed a revival here; he did the preaching himself. There were eight saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Carter had the church piano overhauled, for which we are glad. We could say many other good things about Brother and Sister Carter and their untiring efforts here. God bless every reader.—A friend who loves God and the Church.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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alyzed. It may be a cancer but I know the Lord can heal. One doctor said I had low blood pressure; another said it was a slipped vertebra in my spine at the base of my skull pressing the nerve and that it would cause paralysis.—Mrs. Mae Berry, Page, W. Va.

The healing of my body, I haven't been well since I lost my dear mother in May and lately I have had appen-

Notices

BROADCASTS

The Welch district evangelistic broadcast over station WBRW, Welch, W. Va., 1340 kc. 1:00-2:00 p. m. each Sunday. J. K. DeGolyer, clerk.

Iaeger, W. Va., over station WBRW, Welch, W. Va., 1340 kc. 4:00-5:00 each Saturday. Sister Daisy Nance, Iaeger, W. Va.

W. F. Patterson, who was assigned to pastor our church at Vaucluse, S. C., this Assembly year, was unable to move to that place, therefore he has resigned his work and is open for evangelistic calls. His address is 598 Cannon St., Westminster, S. C.—L. W. McIntyre, overseer, South Carolina, 102 Grove Road, Greenville, S. C.

WANTED: A good sister who can sing and play music, to help me in new work in the State of New Jersey. Write Mrs. Louella Emanuel, 15-A Irving Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J.

Anyone having relatives or friends in and around Fort Belvoir and Alexandria, Va., please contact me, giving names and addresses. The Church of God is located at 2301 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, Va.—John Adair, pastor, Box 27, Potomac Sta., Alexandria, Va.

dicitis and almost went home. I still have the hurting in my side but I do not want to be operated on. The healing of my husband, he isn't well; my oldest son who suffers with his head and stomach, to be healed. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Alma Platt, Rt. 1, Box 367, Miami, Fla.

My son in the Service and that he may be saved; my daughter.—Mrs. Annie Pass, 120 Webster St., Maryville, Tenn.

The complete healing of my body, I have been sick since August.—Mrs. B. M. James, Blackshear, Ga.

Sister Robert Childs and me to be healed. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Earl Rackley, 91 Tate St., Elberton, Ga.

News from the Field

Humboldt Is Going Over the Top

HUMBOLDT, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for the Church of God at Humboldt, Tennessee, and are glad to sound a note of praise for our good pastor, Brother C. L. Spoon, and his family, who came to us last month. We love them, for they are so humble and are working for God all the time. Brother Spoon has put a new roof on our church at a cost of about \$115, also painted all the woodwork, both outside and inside, and put in some new light fixtures.

We had our home-coming October 17, with the largest crowd the Humboldt Church of God has ever had. Our Sunday School broke the all-time record, which was 70, now 112. Approximately seven hundred people attended our all-day service.

Pray for us out here in West Tennessee, for our good pastor, Brother Spoon, and the membership solid behind him. The Humboldt church is going over the top.—Horace Chapman, clerk, 228 21st Ave.

God Is Keeping Our Boys

LUDVILLE, Ga.—I am so glad for Jesus and for the way He has blessed our little church and for the way He has kept our boys who have had to leave us who were so good to help and carry on the Y.P.E. and still send us money and tell us to keep the good Y.P.E. going as they are in the Army for their country, doing their best. May the Lord bless them is our prayer.—Mrs. Eulis Young, Y.P.E. president.

Marching On to Victory

We wish to report that the church here at Logan, W. Va., is going over the top for Jesus under the efficient leadership of our new and beloved pastor, Rev. Ernest L. Miller, a man of great faith and profound knowledge of the Word of God. Every department of the church is growing and we are marching on to victory. We are now in the midst of an old-fashioned revival with Rev. M. F. Campbell and his wife in charge. Brother Campbell preached the Word with power and boldness and we are seeing the results in a Pentecostal

way. Sunday night he preached on "The Rapture of the Church" to a capacity crowd and the altar was filled. On this night nine were saved, some sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. People are being healed, the church edified and we can truly say this is an old-fashioned revival and the Lord is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad.—Mrs. J. C. Jeffries, reporter, Peach Creek, W. Va.

CANTWELL, Mo.—The Church of God at Cantwell, Mo., has been having an old-time revival, a young people's revival conducted by Brother and Sister E. H. Miles. They are really on fire for God. Eight have been added to the church. In this number was one young man who was reared in this church and his mother is a godly Christian. He has really been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost and we believe the Lord is calling him for the ministry. Pray for this boy, that God will have His way in His life.—Cantwell reporter, Box 65.

CHILHOWIE, Va.—A revival has just closed at the Chilhowie, Va., Church of God, conducted by the Ward Trio, consisting of Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Ward and Rev. W. H. Ward.

This was said to be the best revival that has been conducted here in many years. God blessed in a wonderful way. There was some of the best preaching I have ever heard, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Twenty-six were saved, eight sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water and twenty added to the church. This, however, was not all the good that was accomplished, as the church was greatly revived and the saints have a greater zeal than they have had in a long time. We feel that the results of this revival will long be felt and remembered by the people of this place.

Anyone desiring a revival couldn't get a better evangelistic party to conduct it than the Ward Trio. Not only are they good singers, but preachers and workers. We welcome them back to be with us again any time they can get back.—Rev. E. P. Burrow, pastor.

Our Church Is Different Now

BRUSHY RUN, W. Va.—We praise our blessed Redeemer for our good church here and only God knows how much it has meant to our community. We are a very small country church but we surely have the blessings of God and can truthfully say we have love among the members and are on fire for God.

We had a wonderful year in 1942, with our good Brother J. E. Moore. Our church was in very poor shape when he came but when he left us in the fall the church was surely different. Our last payment was paid on September 15, 1943, for the church. All debts are off now; there is nothing against the church. We were grieved to lose Brother and Sister Moore but always God's will we must want done. Words can never tell what dear Sister Moore meant to our church. If ever there was a devoted child of God, she truly is one. She always carried a smile, willing to help us bear our burden and pray it through. Only God knows what was accomplished. We pray God's blessings on them this year, and truly we can say our year was great, but we are looking forward to a greater year this year. With God leading I am sure we will have a wonderful year.

We praise our Redeemer for our good Brother and Sister Luther Lambert, our pastor and his wife. He is a man of God with great power and is one hundred per cent Church of God. Praise the Lord. They are surely a precious brother and sister, humble and on fire for Jesus.

We are doing some remodeling, bought furniture for a bedroom and expect to do more in the coming year. We are starting a revival at Brushy Run church October 31, with Brother Lenord Atkinson as our evangelist. Please pray for our revival. We want to win many souls for Jesus and truly the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. We have no time to waste for Jesus is soon coming. May God bless the Church all over the world. Let's pray one for another, love one another more. One thing we lack is love, for God so loved us He gave His precious Son, so ought we to love one another. Pray for us.—Sister Beulah K. Simmons, clerk.

Now Worshipping in New Church

MT. HOLLY, N. C.—The Church at Mt. Holly, N. C., is praising God for

the way He is blessing here. We went into our new church October 3 with an all-day service and dinner on the ground. We surely had a fine time in the Lord and the building was filled. We were happy to have our district pastor, Brother Hodge, and a group of other ministers. They made good talks, which were enjoyed by all. A freewill offering of \$105 was given, for which we praise God. We are also happy to have Rev. R. W. Doolittle for our pastor; he surely has done a great work here and is preaching the old-time gospel. God will reward Brother Doolittle for the great work he is doing here.—Noah Allen.

Doing Things for the Lord

SAYLOR BRANCH, Ky.—We are still doing things for the Lord at Saylor Branch. We sent in our aged ministers' quota in September. Today we are sending our one-dollar-per-member quota, which is \$23. We have a very good church here. Pray for us. Rev. Elmen Thomas is pastor.—Elsie Hamilton, clerk, Camp Dix, Ky.

REVIVALS

GRIFFIN, Ga.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Rev. C. E. McAbee, of Lindale, doing the preaching. Nine were saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and the Church greatly helped by the soul-inspiring messages. The revival spirit is still on and we are expecting more to come this way.—Joe M. Cleghorn, 224 W. Cherry St.

RICH HILL, Mo.—The Church of God at Rich Hill, Mo., has just closed a two weeks' meeting with Rev. H. R. Law as evangelist. We enjoyed his messages. Some were reclaimed, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Our state overseer, G. R. Watson, and his wife and our state Sunday School superintendent and wife honored us with their presence. Several good sermonettes were delivered and the message was given by Brother Watson.

We are very proud to have Brother Watson as our overseer another year. He and his dear wife are so kind, good, full of wisdom. While we were sorry to lose Brother and Sister Dorman this year, we found we have another good State Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent and the Church of God here is growing in every department; God is blessing our efforts. Pray for our Y.P.E. president, Miss

Edith Newcomb, that God will use her for His glory.

The L.W.B., with Sister Culver, has made a nice quilt top for our former pastor, Brother and Sister Baker, of Washington. We also have another quilt almost finished. We surely are proud of our pastor, Anna Ellis; we are all working together for the glory of God.—Mrs. Emma Newcomb, E. Olive St.

HOUSTON, TEX.—We here at the Church of God No. 2 have so much to praise God for. We have just closed a four weeks' revival, the greatest in the history of this church. Rev. J. J. Terral did the preaching. He had a packed house, with old-time shouting almost every night. The Holy Ghost took charge one night. Twenty were saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and six added to the church—three by transfer. Twenty-five took part in the Lord's supper and feet washing. We thank the Lord for our new pastor, Rev. Roy J. Young; he is doing a wonderful work. We have almost finished our new parsonage, for which we praise God. Pray that each of us will stay humble before God.—F. D. Stokes, clerk.

Revival at Walhalla, S. C.

Rev. J. B. Cole, pastor, reports a revival just closed on Sunday night Nov. 14, in which there were forty-seven saved, forty-six sanctified and twenty-three baptized with the Holy Ghost. Sixteen were added to the church. The Sunday School increased during the meetings from 107 to 254 the closing Sunday. Brother Vance Perkins was the evangelist. Unlike those revivals in which heaven alone can tell the results, this one was a glorious and victorious revival down here where we need to see the results so very badly. The building was packed out on Sunday nights.

ELKO, S. C.—I praise God for the way He blessed in the tent revival at Elko the latter part of August and the first part of September. The revival ran three weeks. A number were saved and sanctified and ten filled with the Holy Ghost. It is a new field. Brother N. M. Murphy has been laboring in that community since last January. The people are hungering for the truth.

I was privileged to attend every service during the revival. The tent

was full most every night and some nights there would be more on the outside than were under the tent and the tent full too. God was there in a gracious way.

One night I was suffering from rupture. I asked Brother Murphy and the saints to pray for me. God came on the scene and instantly healed me. I had been ruptured for over seventeen years and for the past ten months I had worn a truss. It was the 21st day of August when God healed me and I haven't worn my truss since. We are serving a great God.

Since the meeting closed, three more have received the Holy Ghost. Brother I. L. Bengé came down and set a church in order the first Sunday in October. Ten came into the church. The church was set in order at Elko but they have moved it to Blackville, about seven miles from Elko. God is working about the hearts of the people and there are many looking towards the Church of God. Pray that many souls will be saved in this community.—Beulah E. Osbon.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—I praise the Lord for full and free salvation and for the great Church of God. I am glad to be a preacher in this wonderful church and to be pastor of the Church of God in Middlesboro where such a fine group of people and members come out to worship God.

Just after we came here September 13 we started a tarrying meeting and we tarried before God and prayed and God blessed. Everybody began feeling so good and such a sweet spirit and fellowship came in, and God sent Rev. Eugene Patrick, a B. T. S. student, a nice, young man, and we started a revival which ran three weeks. Twenty-one were saved, nine sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water and twenty-one added to the church. How we praise God for all this.

Will you join with us and help lift Jesus up? We need some good evangelists now. We have eleven churches and eight pastors, so if you feel led to some of these churches for a meeting, just write or come. We need a meeting at Fonde now and one at Ferndale and some of the other churches need good evangelists for a meeting. You will find a hearty welcome in Middlesboro any time. Pray for us.—Sam Holcomb, district pastor and pastor at Middlesboro, Rt. 1, Box 229.

WITHOUT SIN

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"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," Isa. 1:18, 19.

Some say, "I can't be saved. God won't save me," but He will if you will come to Him. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1. You can be saved no matter how deep in sin you are or how poor you may be. It says "without money and without price." God has not respect of persons. Salvation is to "whosoever will may come and drink of the water of life freely."

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light," Matt. 11:28-30.

Testimony of Convert in South India

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for a night meeting, some of the tiles were removed from the roof of our house and about Rs. 50 (about \$15) worth of things were stolen. I am now steadfast in the love of Christ, unmoved by any of those things. Romans 8:35, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

My son was healed of a chronic disease of fourteen years' standing, through prayer. Before this I had no faith in divine healing, but I saw the truth from reading Matthew 10:1 and received more faith and boldness to hold on to it. I believe that God is all-sufficient for me.—N. T. Abraham.

SONS OF GOD IN GENESIS SIX—SETHITES OR ANGELS?

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able about this thing. I want to know why you are so willing to call one fallen creature (carnal man) a "son of God" and at the same time refuse to call another fallen creature (sinful angel) the same? Is it not true that all Adamic stock, including the descendants of Seth, were possessed of a carnal nature and enslaved to an inward depravity? No further ex-

planation is necessary to insure the "ABSURDITY" of this point in the Sethite argument.

Even though the inconsistency of their point is evident, I feel that I should explain how they were "sons of God" in spite of their fallen state and regardless of who they might have been. You see, ALL sonship in the Old Testament is a matter of CREATION. Even after Adam sinned he was referred to as a SON OF GOD (Luke 3:38). Since all angels existed by individual creation, then every angel was a son of God by creation.

Sonship to God by "birth" or "adoption" through faith is strictly New Testament doctrine, which involves the WILL of the individual acting upon certain conditions, and therefore can be altered by the circumstances of the will being reversed. But sonship to God by CREATION does not involve the will of the creature and therefore he abides as a "son of God" by individual existence. To deprive anyone of sonship on this basis would demand complete annihilation.

16a

The young man who has been supporting the "Angelic theory" in this debate, has accounted for both the origin and destruction of giants BEFORE the flood, but he has not mentioned the first bit of evidence to account for the giants AFTER the flood. Even in his argument as to the size of some of these giants BEFORE the flood, he has referred to giants which lived AFTER the flood; namely, Og and Goliath (point 3b). If giants sprang from normal human beings FOLLOWING the deluge, it is just as reasonable to believe they could have done so PRIOR to the deluge. Upon this argument I still insist that the "sons of God" and the "daughters of men" were Sethites and Cainites, respectively.

16b

The reason I have said nothing up to this time about the origin and destruction of giants after the flood is because I was waiting for my opponent to bring it up. Since he has done so I promise him that I will disprove his "Sethite-Cainite" theory beyond any contradiction on this very point.

In the first three verses of Genesis 6 we learn that the "sons of God" married the "daughters of men" but the Lord God was greatly displeased with the affair, so He pronounced a judgment against the people of the earth as spoken in the third verse:

"And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he ALSO is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." In other words, the Lord had been angered at the sins of man, and since man was only flesh it would be only a simple matter to destroy him; however, God was not going to do so for another 120 years, at which time He, of course, sent the flood. Thus the third verse brings us up to the last days before the flood.

But now we must read verse 4: "There were GIANTS in the earth IN THOSE DAYS; and also AFTER THAT, WHEN THE SONS OF GOD CAME IN UNTO THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

There is just simply no argument left for my opponent in the face of the above quotation. It says, "There were GIANTS in the earth IN THOSE DAYS." In what days? Why, in the days BEFORE THE FLOOD, of course! "And ALSO AFTER THAT." After that—what? Why, AFTER THE FLOOD, naturally! What happened both BEFORE AND AFTER the flood? THE SONS OF GOD CAME IN UNTO THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN.

Now how do you feel about the matter? Before the flood there were both Sethites and Cainites, so my opponent argues that the two lines joined to bring about the union of the "sons of God" and "daughters of men." But wait just a minute! The same thing happened AFTER the flood when THERE WAS NO CAINITE LINE. This is nothing less than absolute, conclusive and undeniable proof against the theory of the "sons of God" and the "daughters of men" being descendants of Seth and Cain, respectively.

CONCLUSION

And now, fellow ministers and fellow students, it becomes necessary to tell you just how far I have gone with my proof. As far as ABSOLUTELY proving that the "sons of God" were ANGELS, there is no need for me to say I have. But one thing is certain: THEY WERE NOT THE DESCENDANTS OF SETH. Inasmuch as I know they were not "Sethites" I can do nothing other than call them "angels," for what could they possibly have been other than one of these two?

I hope I have impressed you as being reasonable and I'll be seeing you again shortly, the Lord willing.

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